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Report of the Working Group on Toponymic Terminology

Summary**

The report provides a brief overview of the activities of the Working Group on Toponymic Terminology during the period 2013-2017. It begins with a short background, presenting the Glossary of Terms for the Standardization of Geographical Names, published in 2002, and the addendum thereto (2007), followed by a summary of the Working Group meetings from 2007 to 2012, after which a Working Group meeting in Corfu in 2013 is described in a little more detail. A short section then discusses a preliminary terminology database that was prepared in Copenhagen and demonstrated in New York in 2012. This database needs to be finalized, to replace the printed version of the Glossary. However, this will not be the responsibility of the present Convenor of the Working Group, who will be stepping down from his position after the current Conference.

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